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GENEALOGY.

THE BROOKE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA.

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At a Court held for Spotsylvania county, April 3rd, 1759, William Brooke and Lawrence Taliaferro gave bond as executors and administrators of Dorothea Bengier, widow of Elliott Bengier, who died in 1751. He had an estate in Albemarle.

Will of Francis Taliaferro (brother of Mrs. Sarah Brooke), dated 23rd day of February, 1756. Heirs, Ann Hay Brooke, Elizabeth Taliaferro; sons, Lawrence, Hay and Francis Taliaferro, and speaks of brother John Taliaferro, also Brother William and his son John Taliaferro. Humphrey Brooke was one of the witnesses of this will.

Mosely Batterly married Elizabeth Taliaferro.

In 1762, Robert Brooke, (3) Gent., presented a commission under the hand of His Honor the Governor and seal of the colony, appointing him assistant inspector at Layton's and Occupatia warehouses, in Essex county. This Robert Brooke, Gent., son and devisee of Robert Brooke, Gent. Order Book, July 19th, 1748.

Humphrey Brooke, who lived in Fauquier county, grandfather of Humphrey Brooke Powell, father of Mrs. Raleigh Colston and Mrs. J. Randolph Tucker of Lexington, must have been the son of Robert, the Horse Shoe Knight.

What became of Humphrey Booth Brooke, grandson of Robert second, we do not know.

NOTES ON BROOKE.

A letter from Judge Wright, of the Circuit Court, says :

"Robert Brooke, Jr. (which is the way the Horse Shoe Knight always signed his name), was deputy clerk in Essex county in 1700." This is clearly the Knight, as his father, Robert, the Gentleman Justice, was then alive and on the bench.

The tablet to be erected in June, donated by the children of William Hill Brooke and Clarissa Jane Lawrence, his first wife, bears this inscription :

In memory of
Robert Brooke, Gentleman, Justice
of ye old Court 1692-1706,
and of
Robert Brooke, Jr., Deputy Clerk
of ye old Court, 1700,
and Horse Shoe Knight.

Then comes the Horse Shoe with motto and date 1714.

Francis T. Brooke,
Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals,
1811-18.
William Hill Brooke, J. P.,
1870.

Richard Brooke, born at White Church, Hampshire, England, was a wealthy banker, and married Elizabeth Twyne, of White Church, who was the heiress of her brother, John Twyne. Richard Brooke executed a will in 1593, which was proved in 1599. Children: Richard, Thomas, Robert, Elizabeth, Barbara and Dorothea.

THOMAS BROOKE, third son of Richard and Elizabeth (Twyne) Brooke, was born at White Church in 1567; married, 1590, Susan Foster, daughter of Thomas Foster, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and niece of Robert Foster, chief judge of the King's Bench. The Fosters were a branch of the ancient family of Etherstone, in the county of Durham, grandsons of Alexander Comyns, Earl of Bucan, who was descended from Roger de Quincy, Earl of Winchester, Magna Charta Baron, and from David 1st, King of Scotland. King David's father was Malcolm III, who married Margaret, daughter of Edward (the outlaw), son of Edmund "Ironsides," Saxon King of England. King David's grandfather, Duncan I, was murdered by Macbeth, and this royal line goes back without a break to Fergus II, King of Scotland in A. D. 404.

The Hon. Thomas Brooke died May 18th, 1612. Issue: Thomas Brooke, of White Church, born 1593, entertained Charles I in 1644.

2nd. Richard Brooke.

3rd. Robert Brooke, born in 1602, emigrated to Maryland; twice married, was educated for the ministry; graduated at Oxford, and was admitted to orders February 25th, 1627. He married Mary, only daughter of Thomas Baker, of Battle, and his wife Mary, daughter of sir Thomas Engham, Knight of Goodelstone in Kent. Robert Brooke had four children by this marriage, and his wife died in 1634. The following year, May 11th, 1635, he married Mary, second daughter of Roger Mainwaring, Doctor of Divinity, Dean of Worcester, and in 1636 Bishop of St. David's.

In 1650, Robert Brooke embarked for Maryland with his wife Mary and ten children. Arrived June 29th, 1650, and settled on the Patuxent river, calling the place De la Brooke Manor. Lord Baltimore, his personal friend, bestowed upon him large grants of land and created him Commander of Charles county, and gave him a seat in the Privy Council. He died July 20th, 1663. His wife died November 29th of the same year. Children by first wife, Mary Baker, were: Baker Brooke, Mary, Major Thomas Brooke and Barbara. The girls died young.

Children of second wife, Mary Mainwaring: Charles, Roger, Robert, John, Mary, William, Anne, Francis, Basil, Eliza and Henry.

Robert, third son of second wife, came to Virginia, was Gentleman Justice in Essex county, 1692 to 1706. Third son of his monther and fifth son of Robert Brooke.

Copy from the records of Register of the Land Office, Richmond, Virginia :

“The heirs of George Brooke are allowed Land Bounty (6666-2-3) for his services as Colonel in the State line for three years if not heretofore drawn. The Register will issue a warrant accordingly.

Teste :

JOHN FLOYD.

Jno. B. Richardson.”

Copy of the will of Col. George Brooke, of Mantapike :

“In the name of God, Amen. I, George Brooke, of King & Queen county and parish of St. Stephens, being in health and memory, but considering the uncertainty of this life, do make and order this as and for my last will and testament in manner following, to wit : I do hereby empower and desire my executors appointed or administrators to make a deed of conveyance for one thousand acres of land lying in Orange county to my brother, Humphrey Brooke, or those claiming under him, which by agreement I was to have done ; also that my executors or administrators do convey to those who have a right thereto sixty-three acres of land, lying above Mantapike Creek, which I sold to Benjamin Hardin, dec'd, being part of the land I bought of Daniel Stringer, and also that my said executors do convey unto Benjamin Pynes, or those claiming under him, about sixty acres of land I have sold him, being part of the land I purchased of Carter Braxton, Esq., adjoining to the land whereon the said Pynes now lives, provided the debt the said Pynes owes me is fully paid and satisfied and that he, the said Pynes, pays to the executor of Col. Humphrey Hill the money I agreed the said Hill should be paid out of the part of the said Pynes's estate that is mortgaged to me, the sum as well (as) I can recollect, was about seventy-eight pounds, though that will appear by my letter to the said Col. Hill. And I do also empower my executors or administrators to convey to Richard Roe, or those claiming under him, the land and plantation which I have lately sold him, commonly called Quarles Quarter, upon his paying for it at the rate of one hundred pounds of crop tobacco per acre of (sic), giving satisfactory security for the payment thereof. After my just debts are paid, I give and dispose of the remainder of my estate in the manner following :

(TO BE CONTINUED)